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## India

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### **Draft Regulations Relating to Food Additives**

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**Report Highlights:**

The Government of India's (GOI) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published [Food Safety and Standards \(Food Products Standards and Food Additives\) Amendment Regulations, 2015](#) relating to food additives.

## **Executive Summary:**

FSSAI published [Food Safety and Standards \(Food Products Standards and Food Additives\) Amendment Regulations, 2015](#) pertaining to standards for food additives. The new standards for various food additives have been drafted to harmonize with the global food standards of Codex Alimentarius Commission. FSSAI is currently seeking comments from the World Trade Organization (WTO) and Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) member countries. The deadline for the comments is September 23, 2015.

## **General Information:**

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On July 23, 2015, FSSAI published [Food Safety and Standards \(Food Products Standards and Food Additives\) Amendment Regulations, 2015](#) pertaining to standards for food additives. The draft regulations defines the conditions under which food additives may be used in all foods, whether or not they have previously been permitted by the Food Standards and Food Additives Regulations, 2011. The standards have been drafted to harmonize with the global food standards of Codex. The GOI is seeking comments from the WTO-SPS member countries and the deadline for comments is September 23, 2015.

A separate report will follow on the detailed analysis of these draft regulations.

Comments/suggestions should be addressed to:

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The full text of the regulation can be accessed from  
[http://www.fssai.gov.in/Portals/0/Pdf/Draft\\_Regulation\\_on\\_Food\\_additives\\_WTO\\_23\\_07\\_2015.pdf](http://www.fssai.gov.in/Portals/0/Pdf/Draft_Regulation_on_Food_additives_WTO_23_07_2015.pdf)

**Type of Regulation:** Draft

## **Important Dates:**

- **Publication Date:** July 23, 2015
- **Notification to the WTO:** July 24, 2015 (as informed by FSSAI)
- **Final Date for Comments:** September 23, 2015

- **Effective Date:** From the ensuing January 1 or July 1 of the year, as the case may be, subject to a minimum of 180 days from the date of final notification of these regulations in the Official Gazette.

**Products Affected:** All food products.

**Agency in Charge:** Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, GOI, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.